

Continuing Education Requirements

60 hours of approved CE biennially, after the first license renewal, consisting of:

1. At least 20 hours in **pharmacotherapeutics**. **Pharmacotherapeutics** defined as:
 - a) The study of the therapeutic uses and effects of drugs (Merriam-Webster).
 - b) The study in the use of drugs in the treatment of disease (Britannica on-line).

(**Pharmacotherapeutics** is not to be confused with *pharmacology*, which is the broad science concerned with drugs, their sources, their physical and chemical properties, their actions in the body, and their use in the treatment of disease. Neither is it to be confused with *pharmacognosy*, which is a branch of pharmacology that deals with the biological, biochemical, and physical characteristics of natural drugs.)

2. No more than 15 hours may be in naturopathic medical journals or osteopathic or allopathic medical journals, or audio or videotaped presentations, slides, programmed instruction, or computer-assisted instruction or preceptorships.
3. No more than 20 hours may be in any single topic.
4. No more than 15 hours of the continuing education requirements for the specialty certificate in naturopathic childbirth attendance shall apply to the 60 hours of continuing education requirement.

The continuing education requirements of this section may be met through continuing education courses approved by:

- a) The California Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- b) The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- c) The Medical Board of California
- d) The California State Board of Pharmacy
- e) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- f) Other courses approved by the bureau.*

* The Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine is not approving any courses at this time.